

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A tilt-latch for a sash window disposed within opposed guide rails on a master frame, the sash window comprises a top rail, a base and two stiles connected collectively together at their extremities, the tilt-latch adapted for releaseably securing the sash window to the master frame, the tilt-latch comprising:

a housing adapted to be supported by the top rail, the housing having an outward end opening;

a latch bolt disposed within the housing, the latch bolt having a nose adapted for engaging a respective one of the guide rails, the latch bolt further having a post extending from the latch bolt, the latch bolt having an extended position and a retracted position; and,

an actuator having a notch positioned substantially at a mid-portion of the actuator, wherein the post is received in the notch and wherein only a portion of the nose extends past the outward end opening when the latch bolt is in the extended position.

2. (Original) The tilt-latch of claim 1 wherein the actuator has a control button extending from the actuator.

3. (Original) The tilt-latch of claim 2 further comprising a finger depending from a lower portion of the actuator, wherein the finger is positioned between the notch and the control button.

4. (Original) The tilt-latch of claim 1 further comprising a means for biasing the latch bolt through the outward end opening.

5. (Original) The tilt-latch of claim 4 wherein the biasing means comprises a spring.

6. (Currently amended) A tilt-latch for a sash window disposed within opposed guide rails on a master frame, the sash window comprises a top rail, a base and two stiles

collectively connected together at their extremities, the tilt-latch adapted for releaseably securing the sash window to the master frame, the tilt-latch comprising:

a housing adapted to be supported by the top rail, the housing having an outward end opening;

a latch bolt disposed within the housing, the latch bolt having a nose adapted for engaging a respective one of the guide rails, the latch bolt further having a post extending from the latch bolt, the latch bolt having an extended position and a retracted position; and,

an actuator having a notch positioned substantially at a mid-portion of the actuator, wherein the post is received in the notch and wherein a portion of the nose is disposed within the housing when the latch bolt is in the extended position.

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7. (Original) The tilt-latch of claim 6 wherein the actuator has a control button comprising a protrusion extending from the actuator.

8. (Original) The tilt-latch of claim 7 further comprising a finger depending from a lower portion of the actuator, wherein the finger is positioned between the notch and the control button.

9. (Original) The tilt-latch of claim 6 further comprising a means for biasing the latch bolt through the outward end opening.

10. (Original) The tilt-latch of claim 9 wherein the biasing means comprises a spring.

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32. (Currently amended) A tilt-latch for a sash window disposed within opposed guide rails on a master frame, the sash window comprises a top rail, a base and two stiles collectively connected together at their extremities, the tilt-latch adapted for releaseably securing the sash window to the master frame, the tilt-latch comprising:

a housing adapted to be supported by the top rail, the housing having an outward end opening;

a latch bolt disposed within the housing, the latch bolt having a nose adapted for engaging a respective one of the guide rails

an actuator;

a post located on one of the latch bolt and the actuator and a notch located on the other of the latch bolt and actuator, the post [or] and notch being positioned such that when the latch bolt is fully extended through the outward end opening, a portion of the nose is positioned within the housing.

33. (New) A tilt-latch for a sash window disposed within opposed guide rails on a master frame, the sash window comprises a top rail, a base and two stiles collectively connected together at their extremities, the tilt-latch adapted for releaseably securing the sash window to the master frame, the tilt-latch comprising:

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a housing adapted to be supported by the top rail, the housing having an outward  
end opening;

a latch bolt disposed within the housing, the latch bolt having a nose adapted for engaging a respective one of the guide rails, the nose having a beveled surface, the latch bolt further having a post extending from the latch bolt, the latch bolt having an extended position and a retracted position; and,

an actuator having a notch, wherein the post is received in the notch wherein only a portion of the beveled surface of the nose extends past the outward end opening when the latch bolt is in the extended position.


34. (New) A tilt-latch for a sash window disposed within opposed guide rails on a master frame, the sash window comprises a top rail, a base and two stiles collectively connected together at their extremities, the tilt-latch adapted for releaseably securing the sash window to the master frame, the tilt-latch comprising:

a housing adapted to be supported by the top rail, the housing having an outward end opening;

a latch bolt disposed within the housing, the latch bolt having a nose adapted for engaging a respective one of the guide rails, the nose having a beveled surface, the latch bolt further having a post extending from the latch bolt, the latch bolt having an extended position and a retracted position; and,

an actuator having a notch, wherein the post is received in the notch wherein a portion of the beveled surface of the nose is disposed within the housing when the latch bolt is in the extended position.

35. (New) A tilt-latch for a sash window disposed within opposed guide rails on a master frame, the sash window comprises a top rail, a base and two stiles collectively connected together at their extremities, the tilt-latch adapted for releaseably securing the sash window to the master frame, the tilt-latch comprising:

 a housing adapted to be supported by the top rail, the housing having an outward end opening;

a latch bolt disposed within the housing, the latch bolt having a nose adapted for engaging a respective one of the guide rails, the nose having a beveled surface;

an actuator;

a post located on one of the latch bolt and the actuator and a notch located on the other of the latch bolt and actuator, the post and notch being positioned such that when the latch bolt is fully extended through the outward end opening, a portion of the beveled surface of the nose is positioned within the housing.

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